



Visitors Help Celebrate Installation of Fire Chief Allen Grosser



Newly installed Fire Chief Allen Grosser, with two Walldorf fire department officials, Kommandant Frank Eck, (Chief of the Department) and the deputy chief, Kommandant Michael Schmidt, with Mayor Bill Glacken.

for his dedication and his contributions to the village over many decades, and for his efforts in bringing together the sister communities of Freeport and Walldorf. The Mayor said, "Chief Grosser will lead Freeport's fire department to even greater achievements. Just as he crossed an ocean and united our two communities in the bond of friendship, he will continue to spread the lesson that all people are similar in the most important ways, and the more we learn about each other, the more we recognize our mutual desire to bring peace and prosperity to everyone in the world."

First Assistant Chief Joseph Stallone, Second Assistant Chief Kevin Muldowney, and Third Assistant Chief Richard Layton were also installed along with other officers of Freeport's Fire Department.

Among the hundreds of Freeport Fire Department volunteers, families and friends who took part in the 114th Annual Installation event were 50 firefighters from Germany, who came to support Chief Allen Grosser. The Chief has a long-established relationship with residents and firefighters from Freeport's sister village, Walldorf, Germany dating back to the time he was stationed there while serving in the U.S. Army.

The German delegation included Walldorf's Fire Chief, Kommandant Frank Eck, and the Deputy Chief, Kommandant Michael Schmidt. There were also representatives from Walldorf's neighboring fire departments, including members of the Nussloch, Gersbach (located in the Black Forest area), and Malsch communities.

Mayor Bill Glacken presided over the installation of Chief Grosser, and thanked him



Local elected officials pose with the newly installed Fire Chief. From left to right are: Assemblyman David McDonough, Freeport Trustee Don Miller, Deputy Mayor Robert Brisson, Fire Chief Allen Grosser, Mayor Bill Glacken, Trustees Bill White, Jr., and Don Muesherger, 1st Assistant Chief Joe Stallone, 2nd Assistant Chief Kevin Muldowney, and 3rd Assistant Chief Richard Layton.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Freeport is THE PLACE for summer fun. From the opening of the Nautical Festival the first weekend in June, to the departure of the sailing ships from Annapolis in mid-August, there is always something to do and see in the village.

This year the Nautical Festival officially gets started June 3rd with the ribbon-cutting ceremony to be held at the top of the Nautical Mile, at Front Street and Woodcleft Ave. at 12 noon. The Festival's carnival, featuring rides, games and novelty foods, and located in the parking lot of the Long Island Marine Education Center, will begin with a preview Friday evening, June 2nd, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., and run through the two-day Festival.

June 3rd is also the date for the fourth annual National NeighborWorks Week block party and information exchange at Northeast Park. Everyone is welcome to participate in the special "neighbors helping neighbors" volunteer cleanup and planting effort in the morning, and then take part in the games and free food in the

afternoon, beginning at 1 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Village of Freeport and the Community Development Corporation of Long Island. The Freeport CDCLI office, located at 54 West Merrick Road, offers a variety of programs designed to assist families and individuals in buying their first home, including information on mortgages, homeowners insurance, and home maintenance training classes.

Beginning in July, there will be a special musical performance sponsored by the Long Island Arts Council every Thursday evening either at the Esplanade at the midway point of the Nautical Mile, or in the Village Hall courtyard on North Grove Street. The concerts will feature new and traditional music, including Broadway favorites, the Big Band sound of the 40's, jazz groups, and a presentation by a Latin Salsa group. Detailed information of the schedule will be published in the June Freeport Report.

In August, we will again welcome the U. S. Naval Academy's sail training boats to the Nautical Mile. Six or more single-mast sailboats will tie up at the slips at the Esplanade, each carrying a crew of Annapolis midshipmen who will spend the weekend in Freeport. The midshipmen will be available from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, August 12th, and Sunday, the 13th to give tours and explain the Naval Academy's program to interested visitors.

Freeport's outstanding Recreation Center, with its Olympic-size indoor pool, three outdoor pools, including diving pool and children's pool, is available to resident and non-resident members. The center

offers activities for everyone from Kiddie Camp for toddlers, to summer sports activities for youngsters, to a drama club for teenagers. There are adult basketball and volleyball teams available, as well as special senior programs, including a variety of organized trips, such as a tour of a North Fork winery. For more information, call 516-377-2314 ext. 10, or check the Village's website, www.freeportny.gov.

The village's five parks have all been upgraded and improved over the past few years and equipped with new, safe, playgrounds providing fun for every neighborhood. Each park has its own special features, with Waterfront Park offering a stargazing program Thursday evenings during July and August. Randall Park's pool area has a new shaded picnic section. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park offers a pool, basketball courts, and a sheltered picnic area. Northeast Park sports an adult-level baseball field for both day and night games, excellent tennis courts, and lighting to encourage evening games and tournament play. Glacken Park's spectacular baseball field with overhead lights and a professional-style scoreboard will be very busy throughout the summer hosting both regular season and playoff games.

Freeport offers so much for children, families and visitors to enjoy this season. Have a safe and pleasant summer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bill Glacken".

Deputy Mayor Renaire Frierson Honored by Lutheran Group

The Men in Mission of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd presented Deputy Mayor Renaire Frierson with the Community Service Award at their annual Spiritual Awards Celebration. Ms. Frierson was honored by the organization in recognition of her dedication as the Executive Director of the Nassau County Commission on

Human Rights in ensuring that all citizens receive fair and equal treatment from public and private organizations.

Ms. Frierson thanked the group, including Men in Mission member Cornett Lewers, for all their work on behalf of people everywhere who need help in achieving their full potential.



Cornett Lewers, a member of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd's Men in Mission, congratulating Deputy Mayor Renaire Frierson receiving the Community Service Award

A "Taste of Freeport" Proves a Major Success, Again

This is the second year that the local organization, Freeport Pride, Inc., sponsored a sampling of the specialties of local restaurants and caterers, including Bedell's at West Wind,



Karen Colgan and Marilyn Mauerberger taste testing several different services.

Bracco's, E. B. Elliot's, The Imperial Diner, Lou Jones' Soul Food, Love & Quiches, The Mermaid Restaurant, the Nautilus Café, Piccolo's, Pier 95, Rachel's Waterside Grill, Raimo's Pizzeria, Ralph's Famous Ices, The

Schooner, the Chocolate Inn and Water Lilly's Waterside Café.

More than 400 guests attended the event at the Freeport Recreation Center. Along with the variety of food, Chuck Fowler and Higher Energy provided music. The overwhelming success of the event for the second consecutive year is due, in part, to the dedication and enthusiasm of two individuals, Freeport Trustee Don Mauerberger, and Ramiro Santos, who is the owner of Pier 95. They recruited sponsors, restaurants, and publicity for the fundraising project to benefit Freeport Pride. Many businesses and local organizations helped underwrite much of the cost of the event, including returning sponsor Signature Bank, and Long Island Checker Cab, which came on board this year.



Trustee Don Mauerberger and Ramiro Santos, owner of Pier 95, with employee Armando Mendez in the background.

Freeport Pride offers programs to young people regarding substance abuse prevention and treatment, and provides guidance and support to their families. Trustee Mauerberger said that putting together the event is a lot of work, but it is very rewarding to see the results of such a successful and enjoyable benefit for a worthy program.

Family Fun Reigns On the Nautical Mile At Annual Festival June 3-4

More than 100,000 people are expected to visit Freeport the first weekend in June to enjoy the Nautical Festival. The full length of Woodcleft Ave. will be closed to traffic to encourage everyone to stroll along the street, frequent the shops and restaurants and visit the special arts and crafts displays. The emphasis will be on fun for the whole family with entertainment designed to appeal to youngsters, including carnival rides, ice cream treats, musical groups, games and cartoon characters available to stop and pose along the way for a photo.

The carnival will be set up in the parking lot of the Long Island Marine Education Center located at the midway point on



Woodcleft Ave., directly across from the Esplanade. There will be no parking available along Woodcleft Ave., and very few spaces on the adjacent streets. Visitors to the festival should take advantage of the special

shuttle buses which will pick up passengers at the Hempstead Town Marina located at the foot of Guy Lombardo Ave. on a continuous basis throughout the Festival.

The Festival will officially open on June 3rd at noon with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and will run until 8 p.m. that evening. The hours for the festival on Sunday are 12 noon to 6 p.m. The carnival will begin with a preview Friday, June 2nd, evening at 6 p.m. and

will remain open until 10 p.m. Saturday the carnival will open with the Festival at 12 noon and close at 10 p.m. Sunday the carnival will open at 12 noon and close at 8 p.m.

Recycling Batteries Protects the Environment

Regular household batteries, the type commonly used in flashlights, cameras, portable radios, cell phones and all the many other electronic gadgets that have become a part of our daily lives should be safely recycled. The mercury

contained in these devices presents a danger to the environment when they are tossed in with regular trash.

There are collection boxes for used batteries in Village Hall, the Recreation Center, and

the Freeport Memorial Library. Each month the collection of batteries will be taken to the Town of Hempstead, which disposes of these items in a safe manner.

Remember To Water the Curb Trees



Spring is often an unpredictable season: cold, wet and rainy one day then warm, dry and breezy the next. We can't count on the weather to provide sufficient moisture for the many beautiful curb trees that have been planted by the Village under the Glacken Administration's tree-planting program. To ensure that they thrive, it is important to water the trees regularly. These ornamental plantings are growing stronger and taller each year, but they

need moisture in order to bloom and develop.

Remember that there is an established schedule for residential watering based on individual house numbers. Odd numbered houses may water on the odd dates and even numbered houses on the even numbered dates. All watering of lawns, gardens and curb trees must be done between the early morning hours of 4 a.m. and 10 a.m., or in the evening between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

North East Neighborhood Celebration

Join
Mayor Glacken of the *Village of Freeport*,
Community Development Corporation
of Long Island and Resident Leaders

Food
Games
Music

Saturday – June 3, 2006
at North East Park
12:00PM to 3:00PM
(Rain date June 4, 2006)

Raffles
Face Painting
Prizes



Kids come have fun at
"Safety Town"



See what your Community can do for you!

During NeighborWorks® Week, June 3rd - June 10th, Neighborworks organizations and local volunteers team up across the country on activities that help revitalize neighborhoods. You can get involved too. Learn more about NeighborWorks® Week at www.nw.org or call Community Development Corporation of Long Island NeighborWorks®/Home Ownership Center at 516-867-7727



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